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**REQUEST**

FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number

09/262,912

Filing Date

March 5, 1999

First Named Inventor

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Group Art Unit

1731

Examiner Name

Alvo

Attorney Docket Number

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 8, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1140

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$740.00

enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (For PTO-2038 enclosed)

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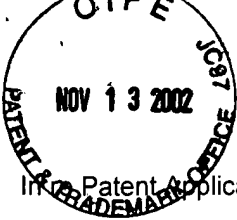
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Signature		Date	November 13, 2002

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/262,912

Filed: March 5, 1999

Title: METHOD OF TREATING CHEMICAL CELLULOSE PULP

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Date: November 13, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment **20** minus highest number
previously paid for **20** (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment **3** minus highest number
previously paid for **3** (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00 \$ 0.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this
paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) \$ 0.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00

☐ First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) \$ 0.00
☐ Please enter the previously unentered , filed
☐ Submission attached

☒ Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (\$740.00) \$ 740.00
☒ Please enter the previously unentered Amendment After Final Rejection, filed October 8, 2002
or ☐ Required submission attached

Subtotal \$ 740.00

If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract
☐ Statement filed herewith -\$ 0.00

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00

Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00

Other: 0.00

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 740.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which
should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No.
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